



# LAW DAY 2020

*Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy:  
The 19th Amendment at 100.*

# STATE BAR of TEXAS

## *Law Student Division*

## **ESSAY CONTEST**

### PURPOSE

The Law Student Division Essay Contest is an annual contest that provides an opportunity to help students and the public better understand the justice system. Moreover, it offers us the ability to reflect on this nation's legal heritage.

#### **2020 Law Day Theme:**

**YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE, OUR DEMOCRACY:  
THE 19TH AMENDMENT AT 100.**

In 2019-2020, the United States is commemorating the centennial of the transformative constitutional amendment that guaranteed the right of citizens to vote would not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex. American women fought for, and won, the vote through their voice and action. The women's suffrage movement forever changed America, expanding representative democracy and inspiring other popular movements for constitutional change and reform. Yet, honest reflection on the suffrage movement reveals complexity and tensions over race and class that remain part of the ongoing story of the 19th Amendment and its legacies.

All entries should reflect the student's interpretation of the 2020 Law Day theme by responding to the following prompt:

***What impact has the 19th Amendment had on our society, culture, and democracy?***

### DEADLINE

Electronically submit your completed entry form and your typed essay (12-point font, double-spaced) to Bree Trevino at [btrevino@texasbar.com](mailto:btrevino@texasbar.com). All 2020 Law Student Division Essays and entry forms must be received **by 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 1.**

### AWARD GUIDELINES

Two award recipients will be chosen from all of the Law Student Division applicants (Texas and out-of-state Law Student Division members only may apply). Both award recipients will receive \$1,000. All decisions will be final.

### JUDGING CRITERIA

The judges will use the following criteria when evaluating each essay:

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Interpretation of the Theme | 50%         |
| Writing Style               | 20%         |
| Clarity                     | 10%         |
| Factual Accuracy            | 10%         |
| Grammatical Mechanics       | 10%         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>100%</b> |

### ELIGIBILITY RULES

- ★ The Essay Contest is for State Bar of Texas Law Student Division members only.
- ★ The essay must be written in response to the theme.
- ★ One Law Student Division Essay entry per student will be accepted.
- ★ The essay must be no longer than 5 typewritten, double-spaced pages in 12 point font.
- ★ The submitted work must be the student's original work.
- ★ The essay must be submitted with the completed entry form on the back of this application.



**STATE BAR OF TEXAS LAW STUDENT DIVISION**  
**2020 Essay Contest Entry Form**  
**(Please print)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Law Student Division Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Law School \_\_\_\_\_

Essay Title \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**MUST BE  
RECEIVED NO  
LATER THAN  
FRIDAY, MAY 1<sup>st</sup>  
AT 5:00 P.M.**

Please send entry form and essay to:  
**Bree Trevino**  
**Law Student Division**  
**btrevino@texasbar.com**  
**For questions, please call (800) 204-2222, ext. 1518**